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W. Bottanley

W. Johnson who considers this reply to Cap 36517/13

~~W. Johnson~~
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I am sending in separately the draft Contract for the EAP station, I showed them which will provide for the Engineer remaining in the colony for three months as proposed in par 3 of this despatch which I showed today to W. Price.

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Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 925 of the 30th of October respecting the proposed Wireless Station at Mombasa.

2. The suggestions contained in the letter from Messrs. Preece, Cardew and Snell, which formed an enclosure to your despatch, have been noted and will be borne in mind when work in connection with the erection of the Station at Mombasa is begun. It is anticipated that this should be in the course of about three months.

3. I do not, however, consider that any difficulty is likely to arise, provided that the Contractor's Engineer remains at Mombasa for three months after the station is handed over to Government. Several years have passed since the question of a Wireless Station at Mombasa was first brought forward, and during this period practically every Engineer, Postmaster and Telegraphist, who has proceeded on leave to England, has gone through a course of wireless telegraphy. Moreover, as regards "reading over" atmospherics the "Buzzer" system has

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has for many years past been in use in East Africa and Uganda, and, with this system, atmospheric are almost as troublesome, at least in Uganda, as with wireless telegraphy. Although it could not be claimed that the Staff of this Protectorate are experts in wireless telegraphy, yet there are a number of men who should be able to adapt themselves readily to the conditions of wireless working.

4. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that, although it is always possible that special experts would have to be engaged, it is desirable that in the first instance we should test the capabilities of the staff which we already have.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. C. ...

GOVERNOR.